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Fin de Spectacle ?

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Under each result and under each project of an unfortunate and ridiculous present, we see inscribed the "Mene, Tekel, Upharsin" which announces the inevitable fall of all cities of illusion. The days of this society are numbered; its reasons and its merits have been weighed and found to be lacking; its inhabitants are divided into two parties, one of which wants this society to disappear.

Guy Debord

Jan. 1979.

TEST 3 ANALOGIES

TIME ALLOWED—5 MINUTES

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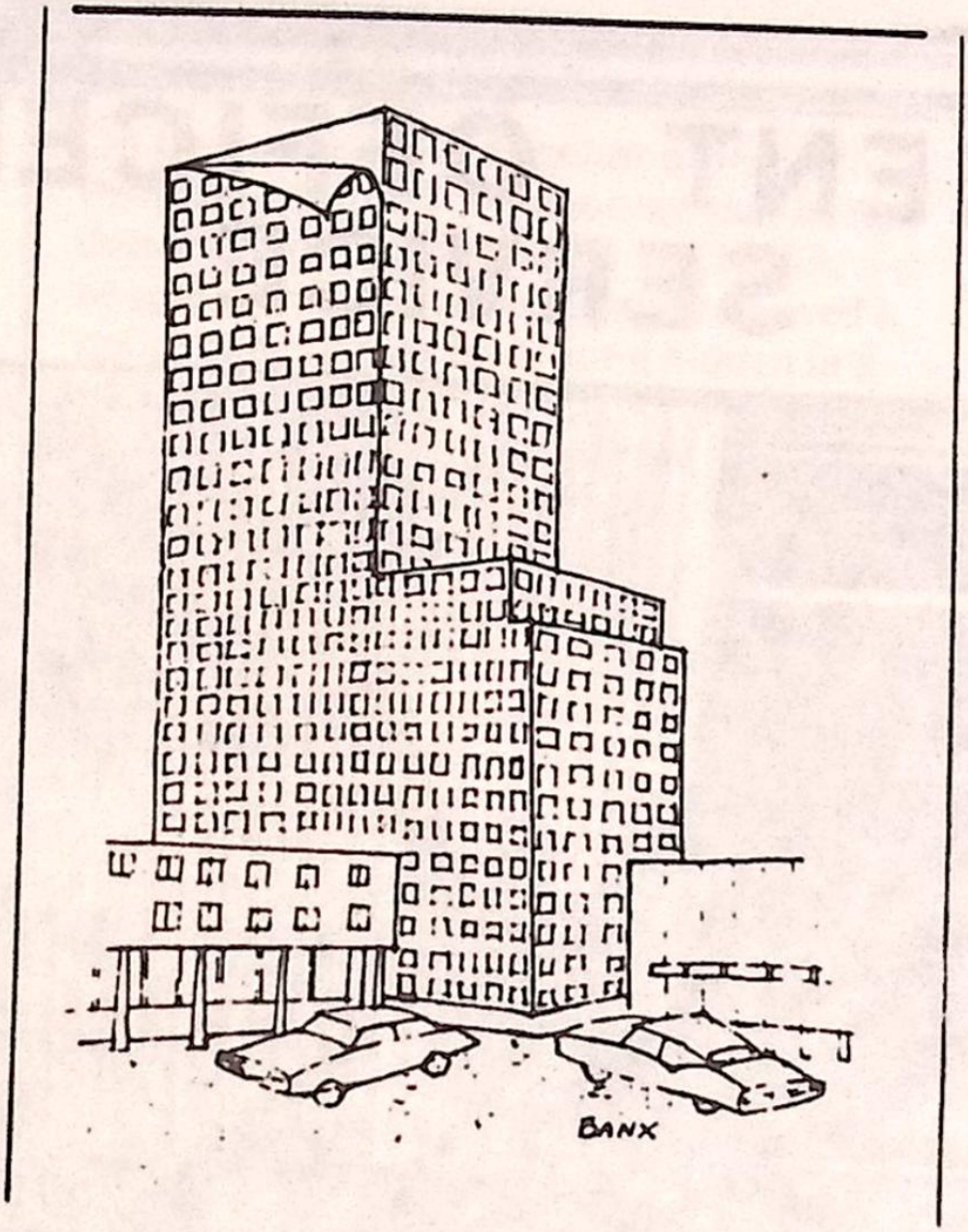

It is hard not to notice.....

.....that something is going on.

On December 11 the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) announced that he had decided not to press charges against six people who had discovered and removed a police camera they had found hidden in a pub. On September 25 Wilf Aves, a regular at the Grange Hotel, Hartlepool, noticed the camera concealed in a fake juke box and disconnected it. Five other people tried to take it to show to journalists on a local paper. All six were arrested by the police.

The Spectacle is turning in on itself – it watches for every minute sign of its own deterioration.

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Mods and bikers have already laid their plans and arranged their rendezvous in the growing nostalgia for the 1960s.

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Heavy Metal (HM), that loud aggressive rock music of the late '60s and early '70s is currently experiencing a massive and unexpected revival.

Having no future —

it turns in on its past.

THE SOUNDS of a Sea Slug missile ripping into the underbelly of an enemy aircraft to the accompaniment of a chant sung by Swiss monks can be heard on a new LP record which promises to put the Royal Navy into the charts.

It attempts to beautify itself — but only succeeds in making itself even more grotesque.

The same old lie.

IT IS not sex discrimination to allow women workers to walk out of factory gates before men. That is the ruling of a Birmingham industrial tribunal which accepted a plea that if both sexes left simultaneously women might be injured in the rush to leave.

The illusion of escape. Running from 'work' time to 'free' time is just escaping from Producer time into Consumer time.

The main problem facing the builders is graffiti which has appeared overnight on the three detached houses.

Slogans reading "-Suicide's the only way out" and "I wish I were dead" have been daubed on the walls.

A majority are content to strum invisible guitars, but some want something more tangible.

On Sunday night at the Bandwagon one kid stands for the whole of the session in front of a speaker. Soaking up the blast from Neal Kay's 2,000 watt sound system, he expertly mimes every record on a homemade cardboard cut-out of a guitar.

By concentrating on programming and a wide range of specialist services—silent discs, so a customer could buy three minutes of silence —Laren For Music has developed into one of the giants of the British juke box trade, and left the troubled waters of the actual operation of juke boxes far behind.

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In the Society of the Spectacle "free" time is as genuine as the hospitality at a Tupperware party.

But in the midst of the mayhem the police received an ultimatum: Release Bertram Wilkes or Haymarket (Bristol's main shopping centre) "will burn."

The ultimatum, according to our sources, was delivered in an anonymous telephone call at 8.20 pm. The police say they have no record of it. At 9 pm, however, Wilkes was released without being charged, and was even offered a lift back to the ghetto.

Sometimes the Spectacle appears to give ground.....

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Dr Bertell Ollman , a Marxist professor of political science, has invented and marketed the world's first Marxist board game. He calls it 'Class Struggle', and it's caught on so well in the States that the poor fellow looks like becoming a rampant capitalist.

Dr Ollman, of New York University, spent seven years working out 'Class Struggle'. It bears a superficial resemblance to 'Monopoly' – 'another political game', he says – with players throwing dice and chasing each other round the board. You can be a Worker (with a hammer symbol), a Capitalist (with a top hat) or a member of the minor classes, such as Farmer, Student or Small Businessman. Rule One states that 'Class Struggle' can be played by two to six players; Rule Two adds, though, that the *real* players are classes, not individuals; Rule Three stresses that only the Workers or the Capitalists can win. That's life, says Dr Ollman.

Actually, it's pretty complicated, and the inventor has devised two rule books, a simple one for beginners and the real hard stuff for determined revolutionaries (or grinders of the faces of the poor). The big rule book has a bibliography of stout socialist reading tacked on the back, and if that's not being serious about a game I don't know what is.

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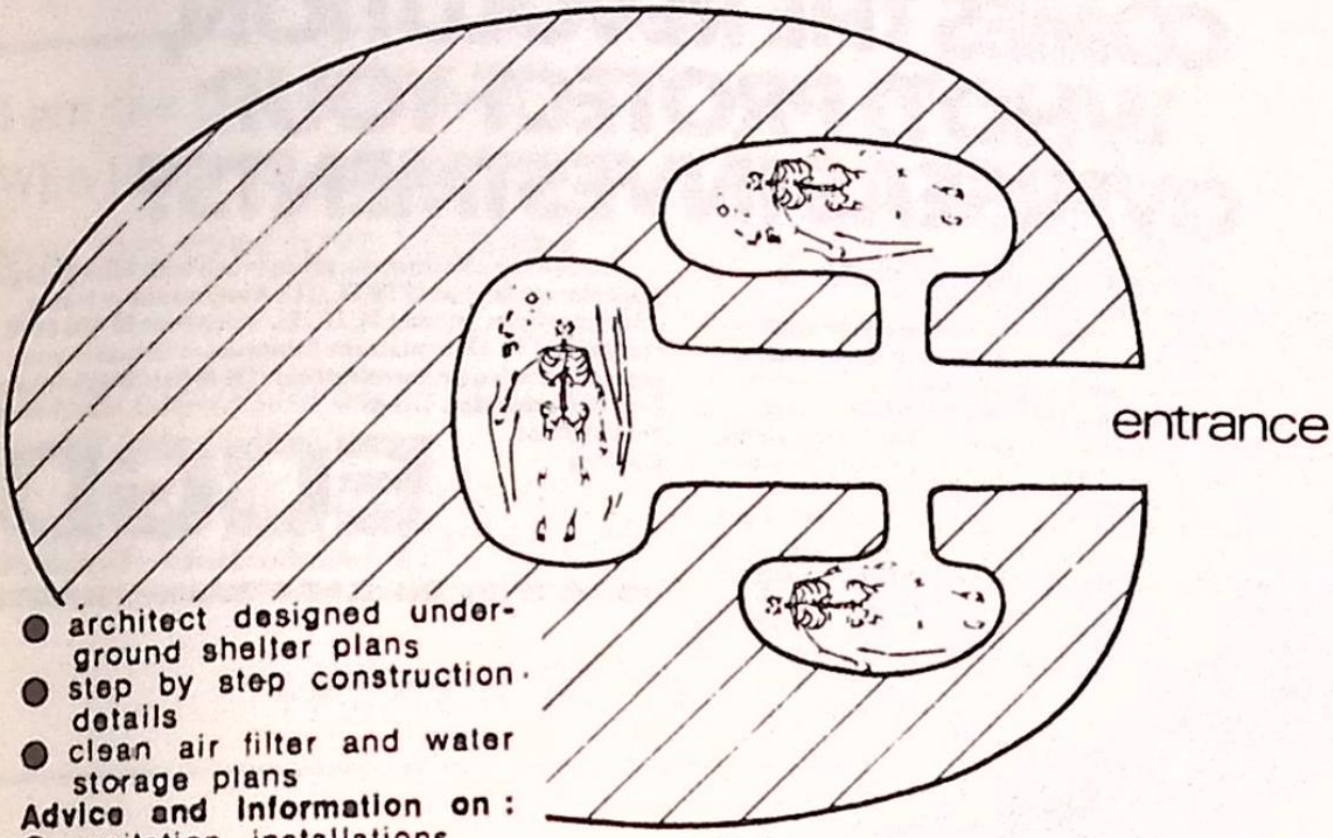

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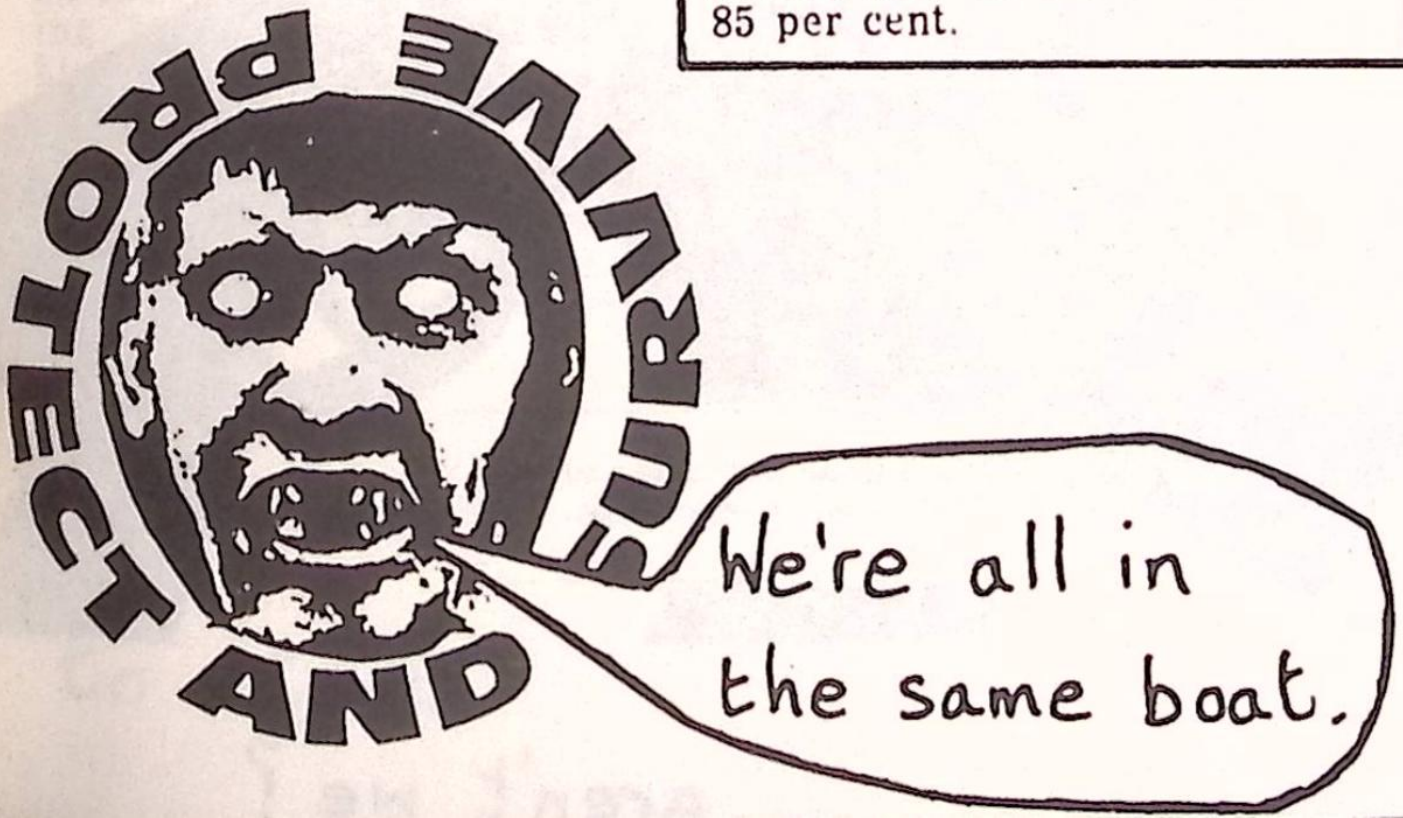

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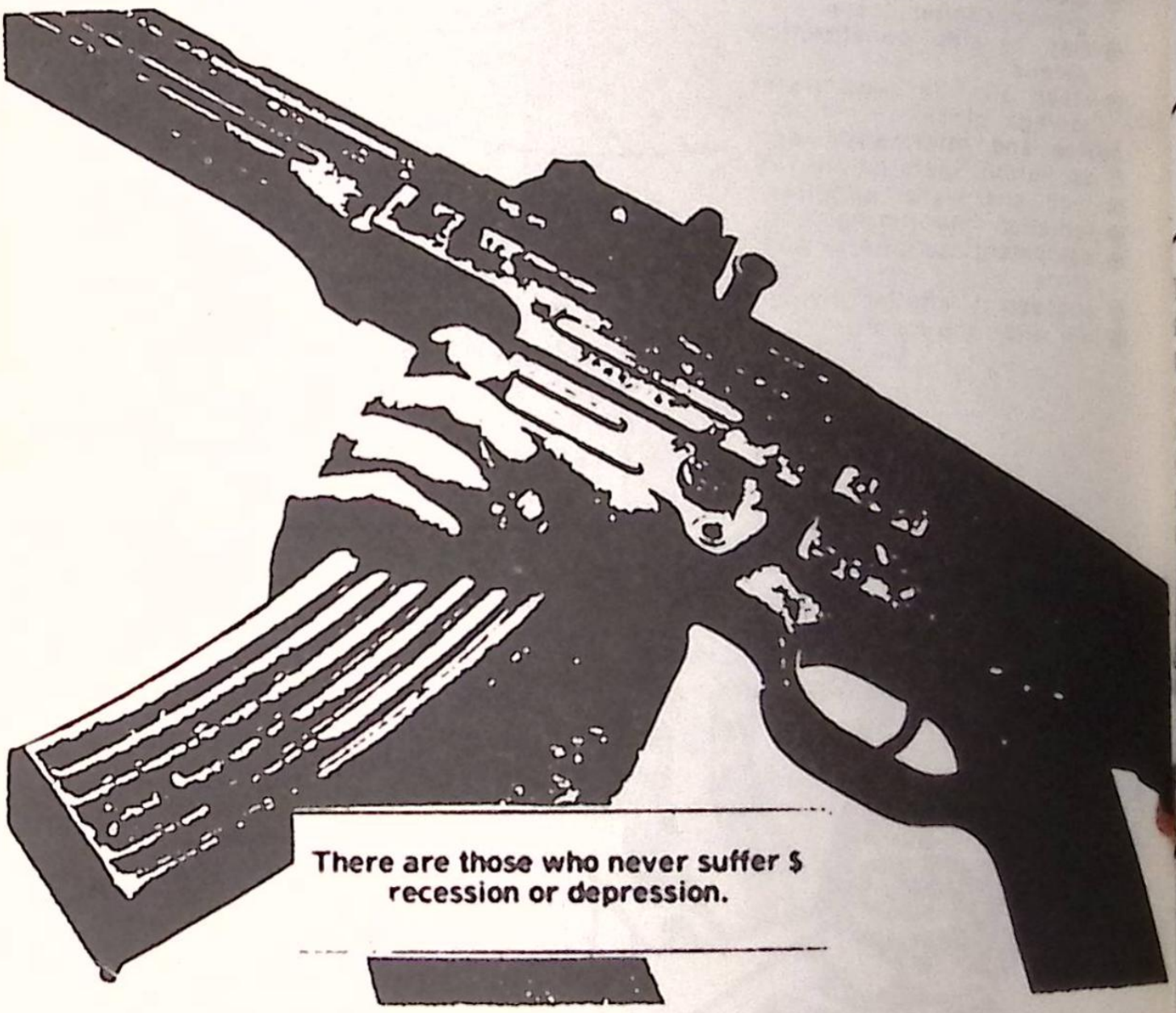


There are those who never suffer $ recession or depression.

..... aren't we?

I am the Divine Beloved
Who loves you more than
you can ever love yourself.

POUR YOUR DROP
INTO MY OCEAN
AND BECOME THE OCEAN
WHICH IN REALITY YOU ARE.

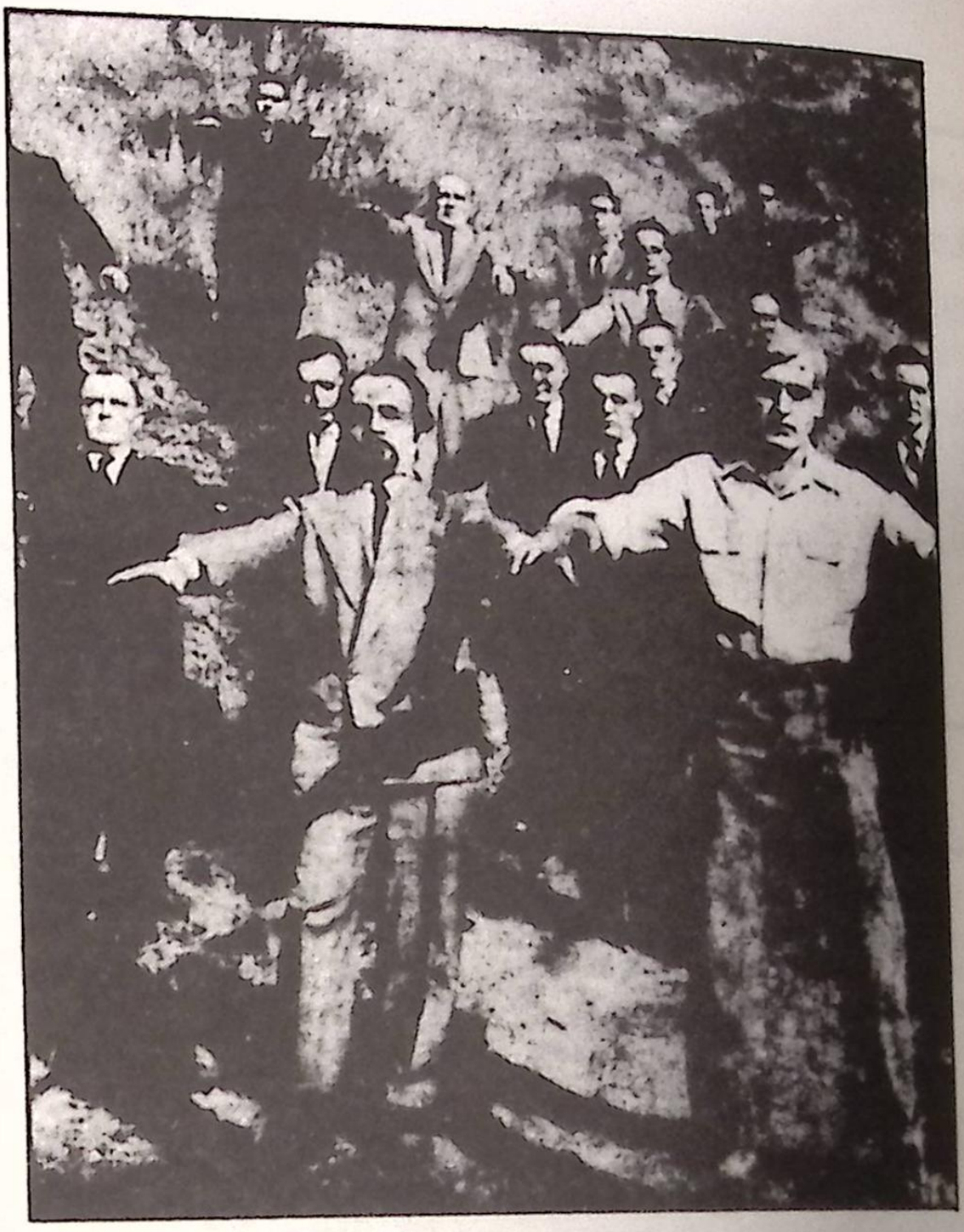
–MEHER BABA

And over it all hovers the crass and oily Whicker, verbally massaging an audience into vicarious admiration of the whole sickly spectacle.

Then, before the penalty could be taken, Iran's goalkeeper, Rahmania, grabbed the ball. Messarafi knocked the referee unconscious and an Indonesian linesman, coming to the referee's rescue, kicked Messarafi.

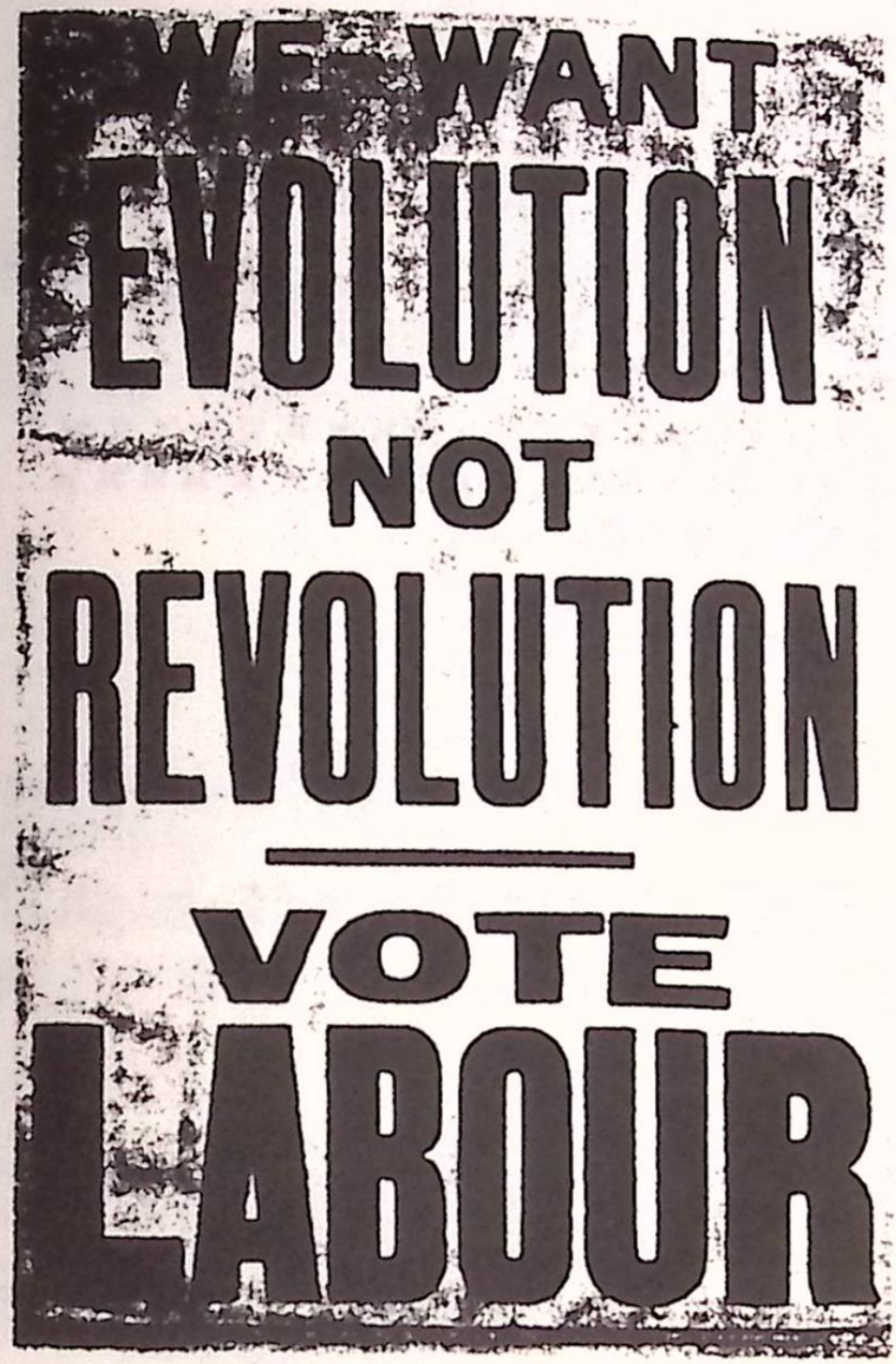
At this point the Iranian team fell to their knees and hailed the glory of Ayatollah Khomeini, chanting his name.

It's hard to know where to start.



Everyone's off to the new ASCO SUPERSTORE!

"The Spectacle in general..... is the autonomous movement of the non-living." Debord.



Beware the agencies of recuperation.
A half-arsed revolution only
serves to prop up the Spectacle.

General Elections

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Local Elections

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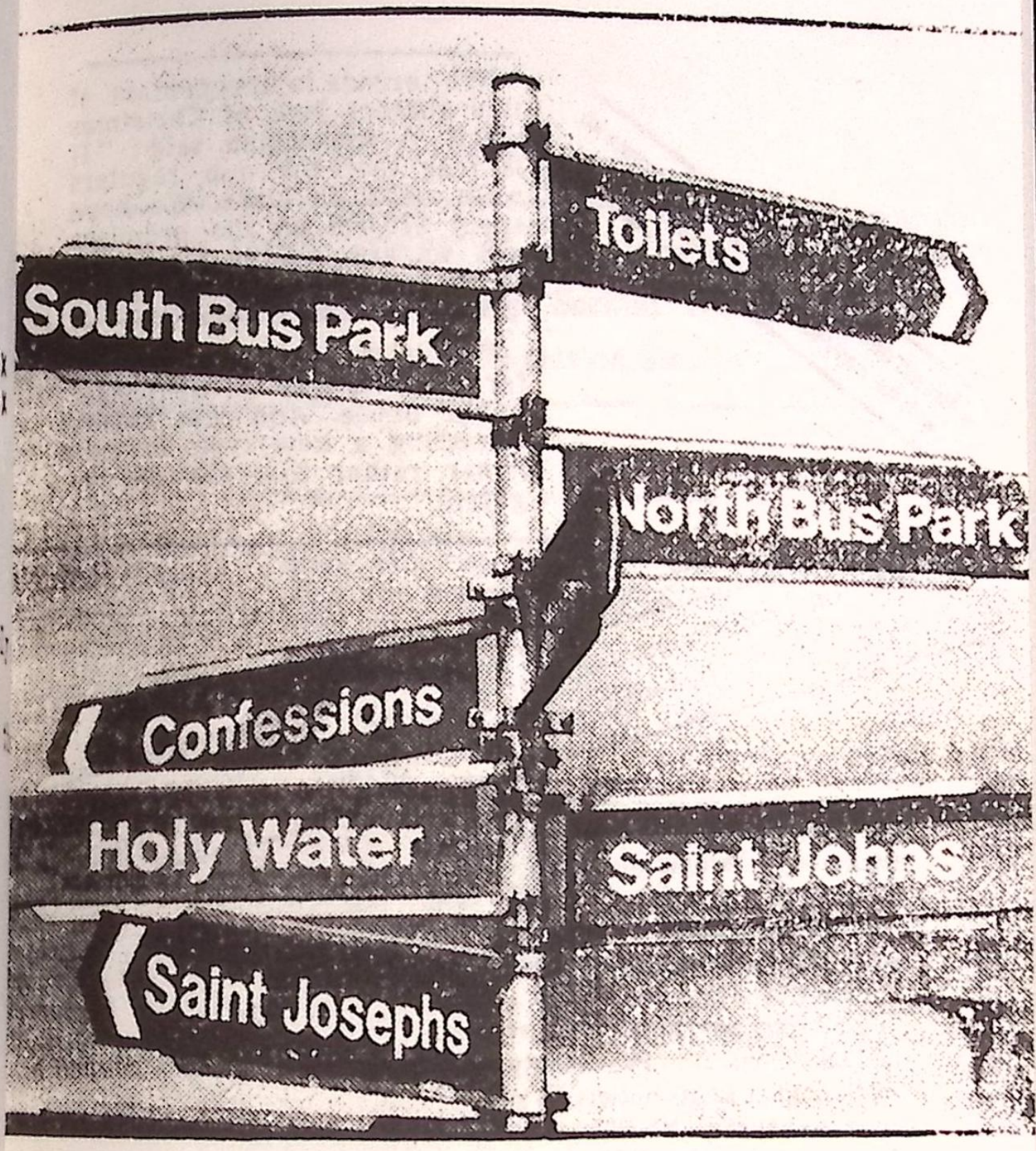
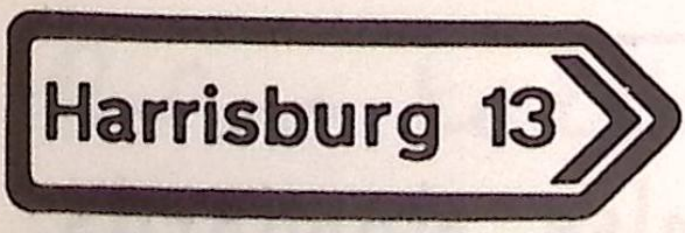
Here is your lifetime's supply of democracy. Don't go off with the pencil.

If voting could really change anything, they'd make it illegal.





All their roads
lead to Babylon.

* Breast enlargement method — complete kit with full easy-to-follow instructions .....

Whitbreads is unrepentant at this distinct lack of Christmas spirit. A spokesman said: "It is true that the pub regulars were asked to leave. We have spent £70,000 on the premises and we are looking for a different type of clientele for the Brewer on The Bridge.

"It is a major investment for us. It is now an up-market public house. And that means attracting a new type of customer, rather than the old regulars."

PA—personal adjustment problems, including difficulties in relationships with peers, tutors, parents or with the university system.

Boots the Chemist are about to help black people become whiter. They are to be the exclusive distributor of a new skin-lightening product called Fade Out which is to be launched on April 14.

Fade Out, which will sell for £3.50 for a 57 gram pot, is manufactured by the Philadelphia firm Pennbeauty and will be sold at Boots outlets up and down the country. It will be advertised in magazines like *Black Music*, *Black Echoes* and *Jazz Review*, in addition to women's magazines.

Refuse their false standards.

A FAIR MILE HOSPITAL patient, who believed that she was responsible for the Second World War, was found dead in the River Thames on Sunday.

Her illness began, he said, after she heard an air-raid siren and bombs were dropped near her.

Since then, said Dr. Moffatt, Mrs. Jones had believed that she was responsible for the war.

"When she was depressed this always came to the fore, and for this reason she believed that she was a wicked and bad woman who had to be punished."

Refuse to take the blame.

(to be continued.)

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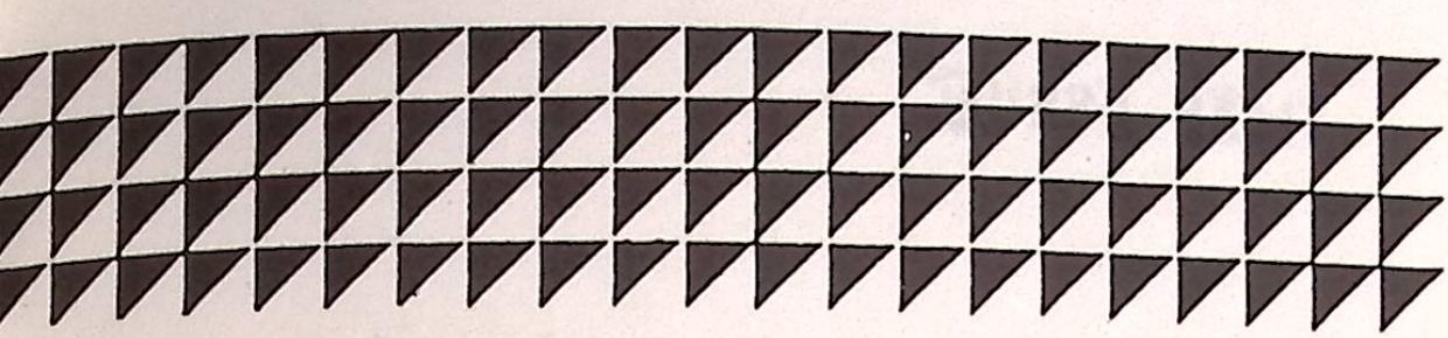

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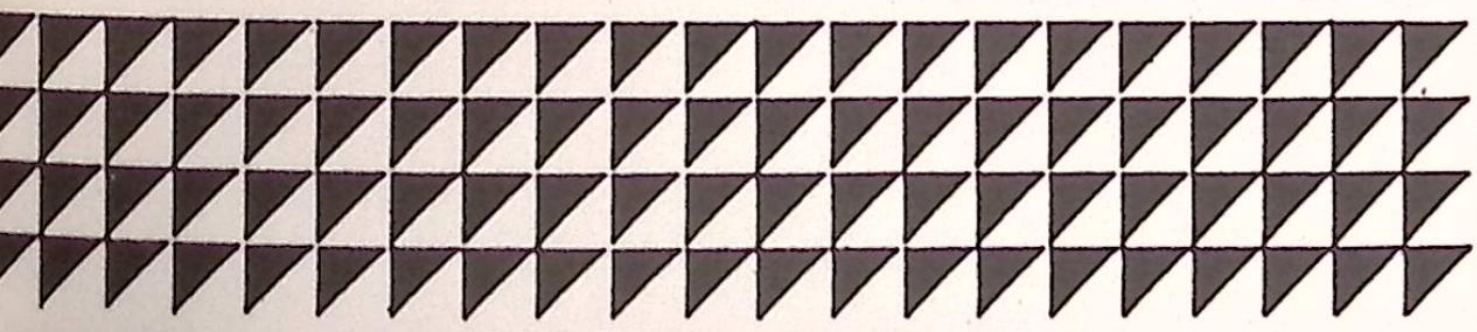

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